

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

Additionally, most cable franchises are awarded by local governments to a single provider. If ISP's are not allowed to use the "highway" then the access and the information becomes owned by the cable company which would violate the anti trust laws.